

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (New) A device for producing a hollow profile having at least one branch, comprising:

a multipart mold configured for internal high pressure forming of the hollow profile;

a tool arranged to open an end of the at least one hollow profile branch after internal high pressure forming of the hollow profile;

wherein the tool is a cutting device having a parting slide displaceable essentially transversely to a longitudinal axis of said branch to open said branch.

12. (New) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein
the parting slide is arranged inside a gap in the mold, and
a branch cavity of the mold passes through the gap transversely to the gap plane.

13. (New) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein
the parting slide has an opening which is orthogonal relative to a sliding plane on which the parting slide is displaced and through which the branch cavity passes before the start of the parting operation, and

a marginal region of the opening forms a cutting edge.

14. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the opening has a cross section which is essentially identical to a cross section of the branch cavity at least in the region where the branch cavity traverses the parting slide gap.

15. (New) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the parting plane is arranged at an end face region of said branch.

16. (New) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the parting plane is arranged at an end face region of said branch.

17. (New) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein a parting plane is located in a region between the end face region of the hollow profile and a region at which said branch opens into the hollow profile.

18. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the cutting edge is interchangeable.

19. (New) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cutting edge is interchangeable.

20. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the cutting edge is an integral part of the parting slide.

21. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:
a drivable counter holder,
wherein the drivable counter holder is located in said branch cavity and at least during the forming process provides support to said hollow profile branch.

22. (New) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the counter holder is movable through the opening of the parting slide.

23. (New) A method of producing a hollow profile having at least one branch, comprising the steps of:

forming a hollow profile by internal high pressure forming in a multipart mold having at least one branch;

opening an end of the at least one hollow profile branch after internal high pressure forming of the hollow profile by displacing a parting slide through a gap which is essentially transverse to, and intersects, a longitudinal axis of said branch.

24 (New) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein

the parting slide has an opening which is orthogonal relative to a sliding plane on which the parting slide is displaced and through which the branch cavity passes before the start of the parting operation, and
a marginal region of the opening forms a cutting edge.

25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24,

wherein a drivable counter holder is located in said branch cavity and at least during the forming process provides support to said hollow profile branch.